



Thomas Beall

February 19, 2026

Thomas Beall, aged 64, died at Rhode Island Hospital on Feb. 19, 2026. Teacher, scholar, music lover, book collector, science fiction aficionado, and above all, a proud naval officer, Tom will be deeply missed.

Born in Michigan, Tom attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in Detroit, where he first learned the Jesuit concept of “Men for Others” that became a touchpoint all his adult life. He graduated from the University of Michigan ROTC program with a B.A. in History and immediately embarked on his 25-year naval career. He met and married his beloved wife, Linda, in the early years of his service. Together they enjoyed the adventures of many military moves, including one tour overseas in Bahrain. They loved their time in New England and decided to settle here permanently.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy in 2008, Tom attended the University of RI, where he was certified as a high school teacher. He went on to teach math at the Paul Cuffee School in Providence for seven years and then did a bit of substitute teaching until declining health forced him to retire.

Ever the lifelong learner, Tom made use of every penny of his GI Bill benefits plus more! He earned three master’s degrees in his lifetime, from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA (Operations Research), the Naval War College (National Security and Strategic Studies), and Norwich University in

Vermont (Military History), and most recently was proud to finish a Ph.D. in International Relations from Salve Regina University in 2023. He enjoyed writing and had numerous articles published in military and history publications.

Tom was a long-time member of Channing Memorial Church in Newport, where he served a term as president of the board and volunteered in many other capacities. He volunteered time to several other organizations over the years, including the Artillery Company of Newport, East Bay Citizens for Peace, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

In addition to his wife Linda, Tom is survived by his mother, Eugenie Beall; two brothers, Stephen Beall and Jim Beall (Kathy Dakosty); his sister Mary Beall (John Rivard); three nephews, George and Charlie Beall and James Rivard; his brother-in-law, Larry Berg (Teri); and cousins. He also was a devoted cat dad to Jenny, Jackson, Noor, and Patches over the years. Tom was preceded in death by his father, James Beall, and a sister-in-law, Judith Beall.

A celebration of life service will be held at Channing Memorial Church in the spring – date to be determined.

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I just heard of Captain Beall's passing, and I am very saddened. He was my Chief Staff Officer at DESRON 50 for the first half of my tour there, and was an exemplary leader and mentor. It was always a pleasure running into him time and time again around Newport. His love of education is actually an inspiration for me; I'm presently at URI as a retired Captain pursuing my PhD in Physics, and an active anti-war activist myself. Sir, thank you for everything. Very Respectfully, OPS.

Bill Bullard - April 25 at 01:14 PM

LB

Bill - I don't know if you'll see this. I hadn't checked for new posts here for a long time. I remember you well from our time in Bahrain and I'm thrilled to hear you're back in school here in RI. Hoping I might run into you one day! Thank you so much for your tribute. Linda

Linda Beall - May 17 at 07:33 PM

EW

“ My heartfelt condolences to Linda and Tom's family. Tom was an honourable man with a steadfast nature; he was a caring soul and a friend to so many. He will be greatly missed, and Linda, we hold you in our hearts. May Tom rest in peace.

*Elizabeth Whelan and Bill Benns
Nova Scotia, Canada*

Elizabeth Whelan - March 08 at 06:44 PM

CL

“ My initial post indicated Tom was an Instructor in the PCO Department ... It showed PCP Department. Curse these small "keyboards"

Cecilia Leary - March 03 at 06:50 PM

CL

“ Tom was an Instructor in the PCP Department at SWOS in Newport, RI where I was the Executive Assistant to the Director for over twenty years. I always enjoyed Tom. He was a quiet, gentle soul and that quality always shown through. I'm so sorry for your loss Linda.

*Cecilia Leary
Virginia Beach*

Cecilia Leary - March 03 at 06:45 PM

LB

Thank you, Cecilia - I remember meeting you many years ago. The years do fly, don't they?

Linda Beall - March 04 at 07:51 AM

CL

Yes, Linda they certainly do. Thank you for your response. Be well and cherish all your wonderful memories with Tom. So very sad he passed so young. God Bless

Cecilia Leary - March 04 at 08:14 AM

CL

Linda, could you refresh my memory ... When were you stationed in Newport at SWOS PCO.

Cecilia Leary - March 05 at 04:27 PM

LB

Cecilia, I believe it was 2003-2005.

Linda Beall - March 06 at 08:49 PM

CL

OK .. so it as just a few years before I retired (actually, they systematically pushed me out so they could eliminate the bullet I had held for nearly 20 years so they could create a billet for a retired 0-6). My mortgage was just five years old ... I had no plans to retire. And so it goes...

Do take care of yourself.

Cecilia Leary - March 08 at 02:34 PM

RP

“ Tom was my mentor for Coming of Age at Channing. He taught me a lot about the world and helped inspire me to continue to pursue teaching. He was a great friend and incredible person and he will missed.

Reilly Pfirrmann - March 02 at 03:40 PM

LB

Reilly, it's good to hear from you! Tom enjoyed leading the Coming of Age group a lot and I know he'd wish you the best always in your teaching career.

Linda Beall - March 02 at 07:26 PM



Christine Ariel

“ What an amazing partnership you, Linda, created with this wonderful man!

Christine Ariel - March 02 at 09:46 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family of the best man I ever knew*
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Rob Lowe - March 01 at 11:31 PM

JM

Captain Tom Beall was a great thinker, meticulously dedicated Naval Officer and a splendid patriot. He was, if nothing else, a man of great honor and integrity. My condolences to his family- I will offer a Mass for his soul.

*Very Rev. John A. Maksym, JD, JCL
Commander, JAGC, U.S.Navy (Ret.)
The Archdiocese of Detroit*

John Maksym - March 02 at 08:26 AM

SF

Rest in Peace, Cap!

Steven J. Figiel - March 02 at 09:51 AM

EA

Rest in peace, Tom. I will always fondly remember the political conversations we had over a cup of coffee at Cuffee.

Edna M. Attias - March 03 at 10:13 AM

JR

In high school, Tom always carried a brief case, sat up front, and engaged teachers on a higher level than most of his classmates. You just knew he would be a very successful man. Always enjoyed taking with him! Condolences to his family and Rest in Peace, Sir.

Joe Rozman

Joe Rozman - March 04 at 08:14 PM